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UPDATES TO TAX FILING FORMS


Significant changes to the charity form include:

- Charities with annual revenue under $50,000 must file the new CT-TR-1 treasurer’s report annually
- The RRF-1 annual registration renewal form now requires that charities report non-cash donations

The raffle form contains some major updates as well.

Please be aware that these new/updated forms have the same deadlines as the old ones, and are not due until four-and-a-half months after the end of your unit, council or district's fiscal year. Also, the new forms are only for FY 2019-2020 filing; the old forms can still be used for prior fiscal year filings.

Additional information and guidance, including sample forms, will be added to the California State PTA tax filing support center over the next few weeks. In the meantime, for more information you can visit https://oag.ca.gov/charities, contact your district leaders, or email questions to taxinfo@capta.org.

JAN HARP DOMENE DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARDS
National PTA was founded in the spirit of diversity and inclusion. Our association's co-founder Alice McLellan Birney expressed that our mission was to make every child's potential a reality, "irrespective of creed, color or condition."

Jan Harp Domene served as National PTA President from 2007-2009, and was a true champion for diversity and inclusion, ensuring that families of all backgrounds felt welcomed into the PTA family. National PTA established the Jan Harp Domene Award in 2012 to recognize outstanding PTAs across the country who have succeeded and continue to make diversity and inclusion a priority.

PTAs who have made progress and plan to continue their exemplary efforts in the area diversity and inclusion are highly encouraged to apply. One award will be presented to a PTA at each level: local, district/council/region, and state. Winning PTAs will receive $1,000 to support their ongoing efforts, as well as a plaque to memorialize their achievement.

Please visit [www.pta.org/DiversityAward](http://www.pta.org/DiversityAward) to apply. Applications close at 9:00 p.m. PST on Sunday March 15, 2020.

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**AUDITS DUE THIS MONTH**

Don't forget that your mid-year audit should be completed this month! This compliance document, which is required from every unit, council and district, is important because it ensures that your supporters know that you are being fiscally responsible with the money they donate to your PTA. Also, don't forget to upload your audit into PTAEZ. For more information on how to conduct an audit, please visit the audit page in the Toolkit: [http://toolkit.capta.org/finance/pta-audit/](http://toolkit.capta.org/finance/pta-audit/).

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**INSURANCE WEBINAR NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Did you miss our insurance webinar? Don't worry, it is now available to watch online at this link: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/442801225197369857](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/442801225197369857).

During the session we reviewed coverage, changes in benefits, incident reporting forms and more details about the Association Insurance Management (AIM) insurance policies and services that protect your unit and your members, and support your activities.

For more information and resources about California State PTA insurance coverage, [click here](http://www.pta.org/DiversityAward). This section of our website includes the comprehensive [2020 Insurance Guide](http://www.pta.org/DiversityAward), as well as a list of [frequently asked questions](http://www.pta.org/DiversityAward). If you have a question that is not answered in the webinar or online, you can email AIM at capta@aim-companies.com, or call them at 1-800-876-4044.

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR CONVENTION!**

Are you planning on joining us for Convention 2020 in Riverside from May 15-17? Our premier association event is a great way for leaders to brush up on their PTA skills, learn new ones, and train new leaders. Training is the best way to make sure your PTA is running smoothly and stays healthy.

Check the [convention page](http://www.pta.org/DiversityAward) of our website for details on registration (which opens March 3), accommodation and other information, which we will post as they become available. We hope to see you in Riverside!
One of the best ways to ensure a child succeeds in school is by having a home internet connection: it can help them research topics for homework assignments, connect with teachers, and complete online applications for colleges and scholarships.

California State PTA has partnered with the California Emerging Technology Fund to help families find affordable/reduced-cost internet offers and free and low-cost computers. Some of the internet offers are available for as little as $10 a month, and computers are available with some offers (while supplies last)!

You are eligible for affordable home internet service if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Child enrolled in the NSLP (National School Lunch Program)
- CalFresh (food stamps) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipient
- Medi-Cal or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient
- Household income under $40,000/year

To find low-cost internet and computer offers near you, go to www.everyoneon.org/capta and enter your ZIP code.

**TAKE ACTION!**

**Student Board Member Applications Due March 15!**

If you know a junior or senior who may be interested in serving as a volunteer board member for the 2020-21 school year, ask them to apply ASAP!

**Winter 2020 Member Perks**

Enjoy the exclusive perks of being a PTA member this winter!

**Grants to Help Build Your PTA**

Units are invited to apply for a monetary donation from the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation.

This email is being sent to all unit, council and district PTA leaders.